

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MTNL CELLULAR TELEPHONE SERVICE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to expand the range of cellular telephone service of MTNL as provided by the other private cellular Companies to its subscribers so that their telephones remain operational through out the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): The MTNL's cellular mobile service using CDMA WLL technology covers only certain areas as per the map advertised at the time of launch of this service. The reason for this selected coverage is on account of availability and limited number of Base Transceiver Stations at the time of launch of this service. MTNL is now upgrading the service except in respect of roaming facilities in case of service provided with CDMA technology as there is no other network operational in India using CDMA. However, with GSM technology roaming shall be possible. One lakh lines of GSM equipment is under installation at both Delhi and Mumbai.